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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF HUNGARIAN ENGINEERS BY FAIRCHILD
SEMICONDUCTOR (KOREA) LTD.

1. ON BEHALF OF FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR (KOREA) LTD.,
A WHOLLY-OWNED U.S. SUBSIDIARY, EMBASSY REQUESTED
ROK VIEW ON THE TRAINING OF FOUR HUNGARIAN ENGINEERS
AT FAIRCHILD'S SEOUL PLANT SOME TIME AFTER JANUARY 1,
1977, PURSUANT TO A TECHNOLOGY AND CHIP SUPPLY CON-
TRACT BY THE U.S. PARENT WITH TUNGSRAM OF HUNGARY.
EMBASSY NOTED THAT THE PSYCHO-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
OF ENGINEERS FROM ONE OF THE LEADING EASTERN EUROPEAN
ELECTRONIC FIRMS COMING TO KOREA TO LEARN DIGITAL
AND LINEAR I.C. ASSEMBLY ARE SIGNIFICANT.

2. IN ITS REPLY DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1976, THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) GRANTS PERMISSION ON BEHALF
OF THE ROKG FOR THE ENTRY OF THE HUNGARIANS AND SUG-
GESTS THAT THEY APPLY FOR VISAS AT THE ROK EMBASSY
AT VIENNA. IT REQUESTS THE NAMES AND OCCUPATIONS
OF THE FOUR ENGINEERS SO THAT NECESSARY ACTION MAY
BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE THEIR ENTRY.

3. MOFA REQUESTS THAT THE DESPATCH OF THE TUNGSRAM
ELECTRONICS "BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS IT DEEMS IT NECESSARY
TO PUBLICIZE (THEIR ACTIVITIES)". IN THE WORDS OF
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THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, "WE DON'T

WANT TO SCARE THEM OFF. IF THEY COME, THEY COME".

4. EMBASSY HAS PASSED COPY OF LETTER TO FAIRCHILD'S AMERICAN MANAGER WITH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ROKG.

5. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ONE ASSEMBLY ENGINEER TO BE ASSIGNED FOR TWELVE WEEKS, ONE MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND ONE ELECTRONIC ENGINEER FOR TWO WEEKS EACH, AND ONE PRODUCT MANAGER FOR ONE WEEK. FAIRCHILD WILL, OF COURSE, ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL BONA FIDES WHILE IN KOREA. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WERE THE HUNGARIANS TO COME TO KOREA, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCH OCCASION FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS TO BE EXPOSED TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT GOING ON HERE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY VIENNA TO CONFIRM TO ROK EMBASSY VIENNA THAT ROKG SUPPORTS FAIRCHILD'S PROPOSAL AND HOPES THAT IT WILL MATERIALIZE.
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